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The Honorable Gina McCarthy United States Environmental Protection Agency 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, Northwest Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator McCarthy:

I write in support of the Woonsocket Fire Department's application for funding through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) FY 2016 Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program. Funding through this program will allow the Department to replace a 1999 aerial apparatus with a modern truck that is compliant with 2016 EPA Emission Standards.

The Woonsocket Fire Department has requested to purchase a new aerial ladder truck that will meet a critical public safety need while also taking steps to improve air quality by reducing diesel emissions and increasing fuel efficiency. The replacement of their older vehicle with a new front line vehicle with modern equipment, safety and emissions features will have an immediate and significant impact on the operations of the Department and contribute to the fire department's fleet emissions control efforts.

I support the Woonsocket Fire Department's proposal and request your consideration of this application within all applicable rules and regulations. If I can be of assistance to you in this matter, please do not hesitate to call Christopher Albert of my Providence office at (401) 528-5200.

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